

Lice, Lice Baby

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Have you ever felt an itching, crawling sensation in your hair? The kind that made your skin crawl as you think about the possibilities of what it might be? If you didn't think it could be head lice, maybe you should think again.

Head lice is common in young children, but it can still affect people of all ages, especially those living in close quarters, such as campus dorms.

To better understand this tiny parasite, we sat down with GC Health Services to see how lice has affected the GC campus and to get tips on prevention and what to do if you think you have it. Beware—things might get itchy.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the head louse, or *Pediculus humanus capitis*, is a parasitic insect that can be found on the heads of its victims.

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Amy Lynn McDonald / Assistant News Editor

Students study in the new LRC on Sept. 24

LRC immerses students

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Newly renovated Arts and Sciences room 273 is now the Language Resource Center: a collaborative learning space specifically designed for students learning languages and engaging other cultures.

The new space is meant for any of the languages taught at GC. It features rolling whiteboards and circular seating and tables that double as dry-erase boards. The space is fully-equipped

for students to converse in other languages, complete cultural research or practice grammar skills.

"In the past week of the LRC being open, we have already had more students visit than we did the whole of last semester," said Dr. Peggy Elliott, department chair for world languages and culture.

With a collection of over 300 foreign films, the LRC can also help prepare students for cultural encounters while studying abroad.

"Students can go into the LRC and ask the coordinator if there is a movie [she] recommends to

learn about a specific language or culture in order to prepare for a study abroad experience, and they can sit in the LRC and watch the movie," Elliott said

The department of world languages and cultures reimaged the current language lab with a grant from the Center for Teaching and Learning Fellows Program, a group of faculty members interested in adopting new teaching methods aimed at students engaging with material beyond the classroom setting.

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Don't forget to TurboVote

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American Democracy Project (ADP) is tackling low youth-voter turnout ahead of a crucial mid-term election on Nov. 6 using the online civic engagement app, TurboVote. The app allows students to sign up for email and text reminders about important election information like absentee ballot application and change of address deadlines.

ADP, a non-partisan political advocacy student organization, has a \$1,500, year-long contract with TurboVote. Teaming up with TurboVote will provide administrators with strategic data about where and how to recruit potential student voters at GC. Anyone can use the app, but ADP hopes this simple reminder tool will help them increase political activity among the GC student population.

"Our personal goal for GC is to have more than 80 percent [of students] registered to vote and more than 50 percent [of registered students] getting out to vote," said senior Ruby Zimmerman,

a political science major and secretary of the GC chapter of ADP. "[Voting] is not on everyone's mind, and that's where American Democracy Project has come into play. TurboVote helps simplify the voting process."

When students arrive at GC, many are already registered in their home municipalities.

The process of changing addresses, applying for an absentee ballot or choosing to vote at home or in Milledgeville can be complex and confusing.

"Students at GC are involved in so many community-service-oriented projects, so I would never accuse our students of not being engaged, but for a lot of complex reasons, they're not engaged politically," said Jan Hoffman, campus ADP coordinator.

Student voters are easily lost when information about voting is not accessible, which is the cause of ADP's push to use TurboVote.

"More people vote in GC Homecoming elections than Baldwin and Milledgeville residents vote in local elections," said Leann Whitley, a political science major and Vice President of ADP "That is a fact.

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Sorry, I can't go to the MAX. I'm transferring to UGA

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Thirty percent of students will eventually transfer out of GC at some point during their four years, with the most likely time being within their first two years.

The 2013 freshman class had an 85 percent retention rate, however sophomore year that number dropped to only a 68 percent retention rate. The next two years the rates stayed steady in the low 60s.

Ramon Blakley, the director of admissions, said that while GC doesn't lose a large number of them, it still loses a fair amount of students from sophomore to junior year.

"And this could be based upon any number of things. Students deciding they want to do a different major, or students who had an intention

of transferring from the time they got here in the beginning, but they never disclose that obviously," Blakley said.

Chris Ferland, the Associate Vice President of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, said the pattern in GC's retention rates have been stable at the same percentages for years with only minor fluctuations.

While most of GC's retention rates decreased slightly from 2015 to 2016, the junior year retention rate saw a 1.23 percent increase. Junior year is when most students graduate and transfer from two-year colleges. That said, this statistic is likely affected by incoming transfer students.

According to GC's 2017 Fact Book, there were 299 transfer students out of 5,987 enrolled undergraduates. That means approximately 5 percent of all full time students in 2017 had newly-transferred from

other colleges.

The Fact Book also says that the largest amount of transfers came from the two-year college, GMC.

There was a total of 85 transfer students from GMC in 2017, while the second highest school transfer rate was Georgia State University with only 22 student transfers.

Although she doesn't have the chance to talk to every transfer student, Rachel Linder, GC Transfer Admissions, gave a few reasons why some decided to transfer to GC.

"Some students say [they transfer to GC] for financial reasons if they went out of state their first year, and then want to come back in-state," Linder said.

She said others attend bigger colleges and transfer because they feel overwhelmed and would rather go somewhere smaller to focus on their academics. And then some stu-

Retention Rates for First-Time, Full-Time Undergraduates

Year	Cohort Count	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	Percent 4Yr	5Yr	6Yr	7Yr	8Yr
1999	787	74.59	57.69	52.48	49.05	47.14	48.16	47.01	46.76
2000	820	72.44	57.32	51.34	47.44	45.49	44.76	45.37	45.61
2001	879	75.77	62.12	54.27	51.99	50.97	49.83	50.28	50.40
2002	984	75.20	56.40	51.22	47.76	44.61	44.51	45.22	45.53
2003	1,027	78.68	63.29	57.45	52.48	52.39	51.22	51.12	50.83
2004	918	84.10	70.59	65.03	62.53	61.11	61.11	62.20	62.31
2005	1,032	84.11	66.57	60.47	56.69	55.52	56.59	56.69	57.07
2006	1,137	81.79	69.66	63.06	58.49	58.40	58.66	59.01	59.10
2007	1,198	84.22	69.78	65.36	62.60	61.77	62.10	62.52	62.69
2008	1,177	84.11	72.22	65.85	61.94	61.34	61.60	62.02	61.94
2009	1,206	85.49	71.39	65.26	62.02	60.78	61.19	61.53	61.44
2010	1,202	83.11	67.72	62.15	59.15	59.73	59.98	60.07	
2011	1,204	85.80	71.76	67.36	66.20	66.03	66.45		
2012	1,304	84.74	70.94	67.18	64.19	63.50			
2013	1,395	85.52	68.60	64.01	62.01				
2014	1,463	85.92	70.06	64.80					
2015	1,473	85.13	68.09						
2016	1,379	84.19							

Courtesy of GC Fact Book 2017

dents, Linder said, always wanted to be GC students, but started elsewhere because it was what worked best for them in the beginning.

Senior Thomas Lanthripp, an English major, is one such student who transferred to GC after graduating from GMC in 2016.

"I had originally planned to go to Georgia Southern, but I was put off due to the larger class sizes," Lanthripp said. "GC was also

just closer [to home], and has more of a small town feel to it."

Another thing that drew him in were the notable alumni, like Flannery O'Connor.

Lanthripp also liked that GC seemed to be more dedicated to the liberal arts departments than most other colleges he had considered.

"I love the library and also how the college takes into account its rich history," Lanthripp said. "Also

the amount of activities is amazing; there's almost something for everybody. The various people and professors here have also been wonderful."

Transferring, however, also presented him with a learning curve.

"It took a bit of time trying to learn the various buildings and operations," Lanthripp said. "And there isn't really as much of an orientation for transfer students as there is freshmen."

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Involvement in NP-HC organizations reaches an all-time low.

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Lice

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Lice feed on human blood throughout the day and night and stay close to the scalp. Luckily, they are not known to spread disease.

There are an estimated six to 12 million reported cases of head lice in the U.S. every year.

Common symptoms of head lice include a tickling feeling from something moving in your hair, irritability from not being able to sleep since lice are most active at night and itching caused by allergic reactions from the bites.

If you suspect you have head lice, please contact GC Health Services.

“When someone is diagnosed with lice, we will typically have them notify anyone they live with or are in close contact with so that we may evaluate them if they are a student,” said Britt McRae, director of Student Health Services. “If not, they are encouraged to go to their family doctor for evaluation.”

The best treatment for active head lice is to use a special over-the-counter medicinal shampoo, which will kill them, and then comb through the hair to pick out the lice. Follow the directions on the box to ensure proper

use. If after eight to 12 hours there are still moving lice, retreatment might be necessary.

Head lice eggs, often called nits, are more difficult to see as they are very small. Most head lice treatments come with a comb that can be used to help remove them.

Additionally, bed sheets, pillow cases and clothing should be washed in hot water and dried on high heat, and carpets should be vacuumed to help stop the spread of lice.

The most common time of the year for these cases to be reported at GC are after holidays and breaks when students leave campus.

“At GC, we see about five active cases [of lice] per academic year,” McRae said. “Student Health has only had one diagnosed case of active lice so far this year.”

Realizing you have head lice can be embarrassing and scary, but it’s important to remember it is a medical condition like any other.

“As college students, we don’t hear about head lice like we did as kids, but that doesn’t mean it doesn’t happen,” said sophomore Kaitie Rau a pre-nursing major. “Students should feel comfortable enough to ask for help, so it doesn’t spread to others.”

Language Lab

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New goals for the redesigned language lab included areas for students to complete “talk abroad” assignments, where students video chat with native language speakers from around the world, informal gathering spaces and a hub for peer tutoring.

Dividing the space into four quadrants was project manager Maggie Discher’s solution for meeting the variety of needs of the world languages and cultures department.

“Before, there were only a few tables and chairs and lots of computers,” Discher said.

“Our setup was focused on creating a space that students would want to come to and allow for a wider variety of activities.”

The active learning space has four “centers”: a conference/group study table with plenty of outlets, a place to watch a TV with Bluetooth headphones, computer stations with video cameras and audio hookups and round tables for peer tutoring.

Tutoring is available

throughout the week for French and Spanish, the two most popular languages.

“I would love to see tutored languages expand, but right now [French and Spanish] are the focus since most students end up taking those,” said LRC coordinator Amanda Redmond.

Open to language majors as well as non-majors fulfilling degree requirements, tutoring sessions are geared towards certain class levels are different times.

Student tutors are all language majors or minors that volunteer to help other students find their “breakthrough” moments with a language or language concept.

“I’m good at teaching people things, and I’m very adamant about languages—its one of my passions,” said French major and student tutor Matthew Sampson. “Helping someone else achieve that [passion] is really cool.”

The LRC is the newest resource on campus designed to be a student-centric space: students tutoring each other, learning together and preparing to interact with peers from other languages and cultures in their future.

Voting

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The upcoming midterm election is a critical moment for national politics. All 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for re-election. Right now, both houses of congress are majority Republican.

There is a possibility that majorities and minorities could change hands, so the outcome on election day plays a major role in future policy decisions over the next two years of the Trump administration.

“Voter registration is completely non-partisan,” Whitley said. “The end goal is purely to get students out there to vote. This is a high-stakes election; it’s super polarized. If you’re going to live in this state, you deserve the chance to vote.”

Zimmerman and Whitley have both registered to vote in Baldwin County and encourage other students to do so as well.

“No matter what party you are, your vote counts more in Milledgeville than in other parts of Georgia because this area is very purple, so it leans either Democrat or Republican,” Zimmerman said

Whitley remembers having a 15-minute break between classes, walking to the polling place at the Baldwin County Courthouse, voting and walking back to campus with a minute or two to spare.

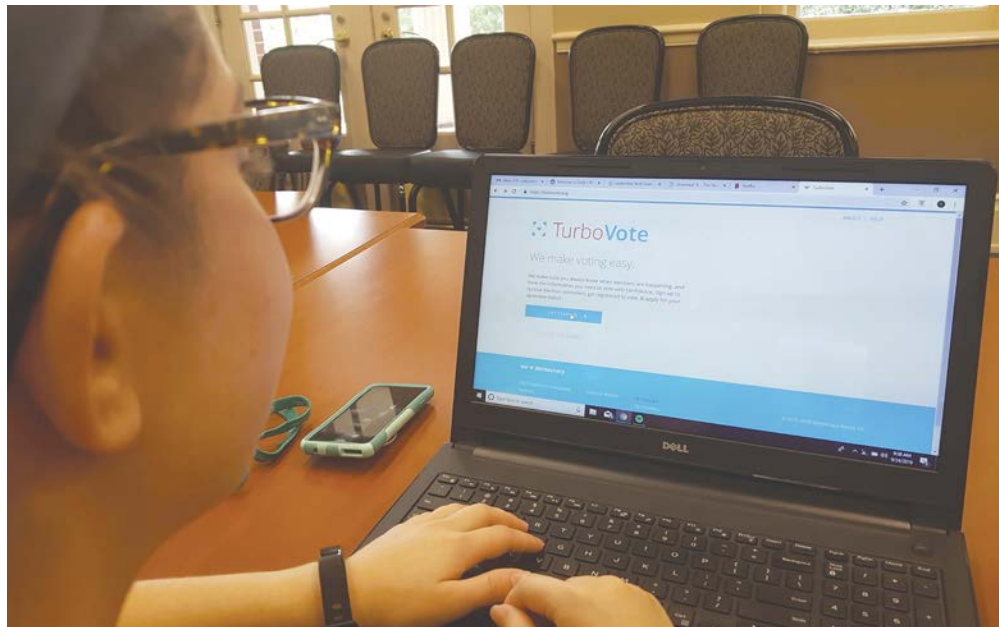
This year’s midterm election is particularly important for state and local elections, which receive a stark difference in attention from national elections, especially among student voters.

“Local elections count the most because those are the people making decisions that are going to affect your everyday life,” Zimmerman said. “National are more long-term, but if you need something done, like have a road fixed, that all has to do with state and local government.”

ADP hopes that students will take advantage of TurboVote and of opportunities to vote early.

Registered voters in Baldwin County can vote early at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on business days starting Oct. 15. Saturday, Oct. 27, is the only weekend day polling places will be open.

On Election Day, Nov. 6, polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Ruby Zimmerman signs up for TurboVote in Bell Hall

FALL 2018

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FRENCH 1001 - 2002:
Monday 10a-3pm; Wednesday 10a-3pm

FRENCH 3000+:
Monday 12-2pm; Wednesday 12-2pm

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SPANISH 1001, 1002, 2001:
Monday 9am-1:45pm, 2-3pm; Tuesday 11am-4pm;
Wednesday 9am-4pm; Thursday 12-4pm

SPANISH 2002:
Tuesday 12-4pm; Wednesday 2pm-4pm; Thursday 12-4pm

SPANISH 3000+:
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NEWS

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Despite the new monument being built in their honor, changes to GC's admissions practices have decimated membership in National Pan-Hellenic Council (NP-HC) groups.

Throughout the 70s and 80s, racial diversity at GC was relatively balanced. Most of the students at the school were from Middle Georgia.

In the mid-'90s, however, GC transitioned from a regional school to a liberal arts institution that recruited statewide. With this change came a decrease in participation in NP-HC, all of whom are historically black groups.

GC holds charters to eight of the nine NP-HC groups, which are traditionally African-American sororities and fraternities. Alpha Kappa Alpha, GC's first NH-PC sorority, was chartered in February of 1976.

NP-HC sororities have been at GC for almost as long as College Panhellenic Council (CPC) sororities. GC's first Panhellenic sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, was chartered in 1974, only two years before AKA.

However, many NP-HC fraternities and sororities struggle to maintain membership with as little as two or three members in each chapter. By comparison, Panhellenic sororities at

Some Greek traditions on campus, like the step dance competition, have historical implications that many students likely do not recognize.

"Sometimes it's disheartening to see Panhellenic participate in step during Greek Week," Milner said. "They don't understand that stepping is grounded in NP-HC's culture, and they don't know that stepping comes with a history of pain. Sometimes, it's a slap in the face to watch Panhellenic Council go onstage and mimic things they don't understand."

Milner and others recognize that this issue does not stem from a place of disrespect but from a place of ignorance. One solution is to find a way to partner together and educate each other.

"It's hard to scrutinize and penalize Panhellenic sororities," Milner said. "We continue to let them step but don't educate them. Instead of stepping by yourself, why not partner with an NP-HC organization and step together?"

The issue doesn't start once students are members of these organizations; it begins with the recruitment.

The Panhellenic recruitment process can be intimidating for women of color because of the lack of representation of others who look like them.

"It was a bit uncomfortable to go through recruitment," said Estefi Herrera, president of Alpha Gamma Delta, whose family is from Venezuela. "I would look around the room, and everyone seemed like a cookie-cutter girl, and I was not the same."

However, Herrera strives to value diversity within Alpha Gamma Delta.

Her leadership role has impacted both her chapter and new members. A new member told Herrera that one of the reasons she chose Alpha Gamma Delta was because she saw Herrera, a woman of color, serving as chapter president.

"I pride myself in the progress I have made for women of all backgrounds," Herrera said. "I will continue to help make the Greek community become a more inviting place to all people."



Zeta Phi Beta's bench after Monday afternoon's rain shower

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Stacey Milner

"That's when the major population shift happened on campus, which negatively impacted diversity in Greek life," said Tiffany Bayne, director of Fraternity and Sorority life. "Our NP-HC groups, which are historically black, went from very lively to going between active and inactive every semester."

Greek life is a significant part of the GC student experience. Accord-

ing to the 2017 GC Fact Book, approximately 33 percent of undergraduate GC students are in a fraternity or sorority.

Additionally, 83 percent of 2017 undergraduate students were white.

"College is supposed to be the place where you can meet people who are different from you and who can challenge your views," Bayne said. "I wonder if students are getting the best education due to the lack of diversity."

GC typically have a chapter size of about 180 members.

"Panhellenic is like a smoking locomotive—it will run you over," said Stacey Milner, director of the Cultural Center and former co-assistant director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. "It demands your attention, while NP-HC and UGC [United Greek Council] organizations watch from the sidelines."

Visibility is a struggle for these small groups on campus, but the issue doesn't stop there.

The College Panhellenic Council (CPC) and Interfraternity Council (IFC) groups are often not aware what it means to be a historically black sorority or fraternity.

Milner says that Panhellenic Council is not educated enough on NP-HC, but NP-HC groups know all about Panhellenic Council groups because of their impact on campus.



Alpha Kappa Alpha memorial bench between Parks and Atkinson

THIS WEEK IN
GC HISTORY
SEPT. 27

SEPTEMBER
24, 1974

GC HELD WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY TO TEACH THEM ABOUT THE NEWLY ACQUIRED COMPUTERS' CAPABILITIES. DO YOU THINK THEY'D BELIEVE ALL THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE NOW?

SEPTEMBER
28, 1940

PLANS FOR THE GOLDEN SLIPPER CONTEST BETWEEN FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES WERE ANNOUNCED. THIS CONTEST WAS MEANT TO "PROMOTE CLASS SPIRIT AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD TASTE IN THE SELECTION OF DRAMATIC MATERIAL" AS THEY ADAPT SHORT STORIES INTO PLAYS. THE PRIZE? A MINUTIAURE GOLDEN SLIPPER FROM CINDERELLA. GC THEATER DEPARTMENT, MAYBE A TRADITION TO START AGAIN?

SEPTEMBER
30, 1955

AN ARTICLE IN THE COLONNADE
RECAPPED THE 1955-1956 ORIENTATION
WEEK. THIS WEEK INCLUDED A "STUDENT
MIXER" WHERE UPPERCLASSMEN
SERENADED THE FRESHMEN, A PAJAMA
PARTY IN THE DORMS, AND A FRESHMAN
TALENT SHOW. SOUNDS LIKE THEY HAD A
GOOD TIME!

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SPORTS

Intramurals boast highest participation rates



Brendan Borders
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GC rec sports has the highest student participation of any organization on campus with around 230 total teams and eight sports offered each season.

Of the 5,900 undergraduate students at GC, around 2,500 play rec sports, with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life taking runner-up with around 1,400 students.

Rumors have circulated that GC rec sports has the highest student participation in the nation, but that data is unproven as the last study was conducted some years ago.

GC rec sports staff boasts that now graduated Nathan Vickroy propelled GC to nationwide recognition. Vickroy was awarded the most historical wins ever in the U.S., which is tracked through IMLeagues, a website that 95 percent of schools use according to rec staff.

Vickroy also successfully became the club Ultimate Frisbee Player of the Year in 2017.

Drew Bruton, the associate director of wellness and rec sports, said that when he came to GC in 2011, people in Georgia knew of GC, but now in 2018, everybody in the nation knows about GC because of rec sports success. He mentioned staff as well as players who pushed GC to recognition.

“We’ve had a referee qualify for the national flag football tournament the last seven years,” Bruton said. “That’s a pretty big accomplishment. They take the Top 50 student referees across the country, and they go and work the flag football tournament. In the past four years, we’ve had a flag

football team go to the national flag [football] tournament, so those staff and teams doing well at the tournaments have helped GC get their name out to the region and country for our intramural program.”

A grand total of \$172,000 is allocated each year to rec sports, with \$88,000 going to intramurals and \$84,000 going to club teams. Of the intramural funds, Bruton said that \$75,000 is spent in student labor, while the other \$13,000 covers equipment and travel.

Of the 230 total teams in rec sports, 110 are offered for free to students.

“We give out 110 free teams per phase, so throughout the year, we’ll give out 440 free teams,” Bruton said. “Every team after the free teams is \$50 except for cornhole, Spikeball and tennis, and those are \$20.”

Bruton added that if a team is not in the first 110, they will pay the fee so that the rec sports staff will be able to break even.

Senior Caroline Tarpley, a marketing major, was given the Bobcat Award for Female Athlete of the Year in the 2017-18 school year. In addition, Tarpley was awarded an intramural legend status at the end of the school year.

Being an intramural legend means that you have one of the highest number of wins, your win percentage is high, your sportsmanship is commendable as well as the feedback received from other intramural legends. Feedback comes from other intramural legends through recommendation and is based on these factors. A factor of being an intramural legend is also a student’s year in school, said Tarpley.

According to Bruton, a legend is one of the top

players of their generation. The intramural legends currently at GC are Sydney Weissman, Caroline Tarpley and Mitch Risley. Bruton added that Vickroy and Risley are the top players in the program’s history.

Tarpley also said that to be an intramural legend, a student has to have time to play intramurals frequently.

“Luckily this semester I am taking a lot of electives, but you can study during the day and do intramurals at night and study on the weekends,” she said.

Tarpley, who plays six sports, said that she didn’t play many of these sports in high school but actually picked them up when she came to college because it was a great way to get involved with those around her.

Sports currently offered fall under four, six-week phases, with two in the fall and two in the spring. In the current phase, there are 230 teams, with three different leagues: men’s, women’s and coed. Sports offered range from cornhole to dodgeball.

Registration for the second fall phase opened Sept. 19, 2018, and the phase begins Oct. 21, 2018.

In the spring, a new sport will be added to GC rec sports: archery tag. This game is similar to paintball, but instead of paintballs, players shoot arrows with plastic foam tips on the end at other players to tag them out.

The game will be put out on Tuesday, Sept. 25 for the Tailgate Tour, and a tournament for the game will come in Spring 2019.



A couple of intramural athletes spectate from the sidelines during a coed flag football game on Sept. 19 at West Campus

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SPORTS

Locker room energy fuels soccer's success



Courtesy of GC Sports Communication

Sophomore Hannah Asbell is congratulated by her teammates

Jackson Casey
Staff Writer

The GC women's soccer team started their season out scorching hot through the first seven games with a 5-1-1 record.

The team won their first five games and held all five of those opponents scoreless. Their recent draw came Sept. 14 after they trailed Lander for most of the game, until Amanda Bartholomew scored a late goal to tie it up.

Not only have the Bobcats been winning, but they have dominated in spectacular fashion. Their goal differential is plus-7 and they have only allowed three goals this season.

Much of this defensive success can be attributed to the outstanding goal keeping of Ashlee Graham. Graham is a junior from Decatur and the Bobcat's starting goalkeeper. She leads the Peach Belt in saves, goals against, save percentage and goals-against percentage.

Graham attributes her personal success to her team's defensive abilities. "Defensively as a back

line we've picked up a year of experience with each other, and that has developed great chemistry and communication," Graham said. "As a team, we always emphasize getting a shutout as one of our main goals for each game, which definitely motivates us to play well."

The goal scoring and offensive aspect of the game is led by Amanda Bartholomew, a redshirt junior from Peachtree City and one of the Bobcat's forwards. Bartholomew leads the team's offense in goals and assists.

"I have been successful because of the work I put into my off-season training, as well as the preparation my teammates put in," Bartholomew said. "We are fitter and more skilled this year."

Bartholomew believes the team's goal at this point is the same as it was at the beginning of the season: to win the Peach Belt Conference championship.

Much of the credit to the Bobcat's season can be given to the head coaching ability of Hope Clark, who is having one of her best years since joining the GC coaching staff nine years ago.

"The players have to be dedicated on their own, and they were disciplined during the summer to be fit and ready," Clark said.

She said most of the early success is because of team chemistry and the family mentality of the program.

Clark did not fail to mention her team's standout players, Ashlee Graham and Amanda Bartholomew, whose great play has helped the team get to the point it is at now.

As the team prepares for the second half, Clark said looks for the members to grow each and every day, learn from their opponents and take each game one at a time.

Clark said that with the Peach Belt being one of the toughest conferences in the country, she understands the team's difficult schedule going forward. The team also understands chemistry and good locker room morale are extremely important.

"The energy in the locker room right now is great, and the girls believe in themselves," Clark said.

The team has had great midseason success, but they look forward to build on their early accomplishments and grow as a unit.



Courtesy of GC Sports Communication

Senior goalkeeper Ashlee Graham kicks the ball to the opposite end of the field while playing West Georgia on Sept. 9

GC Ultimate Frisbee continues winning tradition

Lilia Starnes
Assistant Sports Editor

The GC men's club Ultimate Frisbee team are without a doubt one of the most successful club teams on campus. Since their national championship win in 2016, the team has competed at nationals each season and prepares to go even farther.

"We are a competitive team," said senior Alex Stewart. "We make it to nationals every year and make it through till the last day."

Ten seniors return this year hungrier than ever for the national championship title.

"We had the pressure to keep winning," Stewart said. "Once you have the belt, you wanna keep the

belt."

The team practices three times a week for two hours and participates in less serious tournaments in the fall, which help prepare them for the more competitive tournaments that take place in the spring.

"The best part of Ultimate Frisbee is getting to see the guys three times a week," Stewart said.

Besides practice, the team makes an effort to get together and bond as a team.

"We will either go to a teammate's house or meet up and go to the MAX as a team," Powers said. "Either way, it is a good way to bond as a team."

Ever February the team hosts their annual Flick'n Nuts tournament. The tournament attracts many GC Ultimate Frisbee alumni.

"Anyone who used to play on the team comes back," Stewart said. "Play-

ers who are 30 years old or who have just graduated come back." "They will come stay with us, and we will usually go downtown. Even though I am a senior, I know I can always come back."

Stewart also said that because of the championship win in 2016, the team has a higher motivation to win again.

"That win pushes people at practice," Stewart said. "Instead of jogging, people will run, and it will get more competitive."

To get ready for their upcoming season, the team practices by running drills and ending the evening with a scrimmage to practice their plays.

The national championship game can be held anywhere in the U.S., with the previous one in 2016 being held in Salem, North Carolina.

"I was kinda bummed it

was in North Carolina because it can be anywhere like Chicago, but as a team, we still had so much fun," Stewart said.

To promote their trips and raise money for airfare and hotel expenses, the team sells discs. This also gives them the opportunity to recruit. The team gains new members when they table throughout the year, especially at events such as orientation and Spring Fest.

"When I started, I only knew one person, so it was a really good way to meet new people," Powers said.

The most common way they get new players is through word of mouth.

"We will either send out emails to future players or talk to guys in our classes," Stewart said.

The team's first tournament is Oct. 13 and 14 at Georgia Gwinnett College.



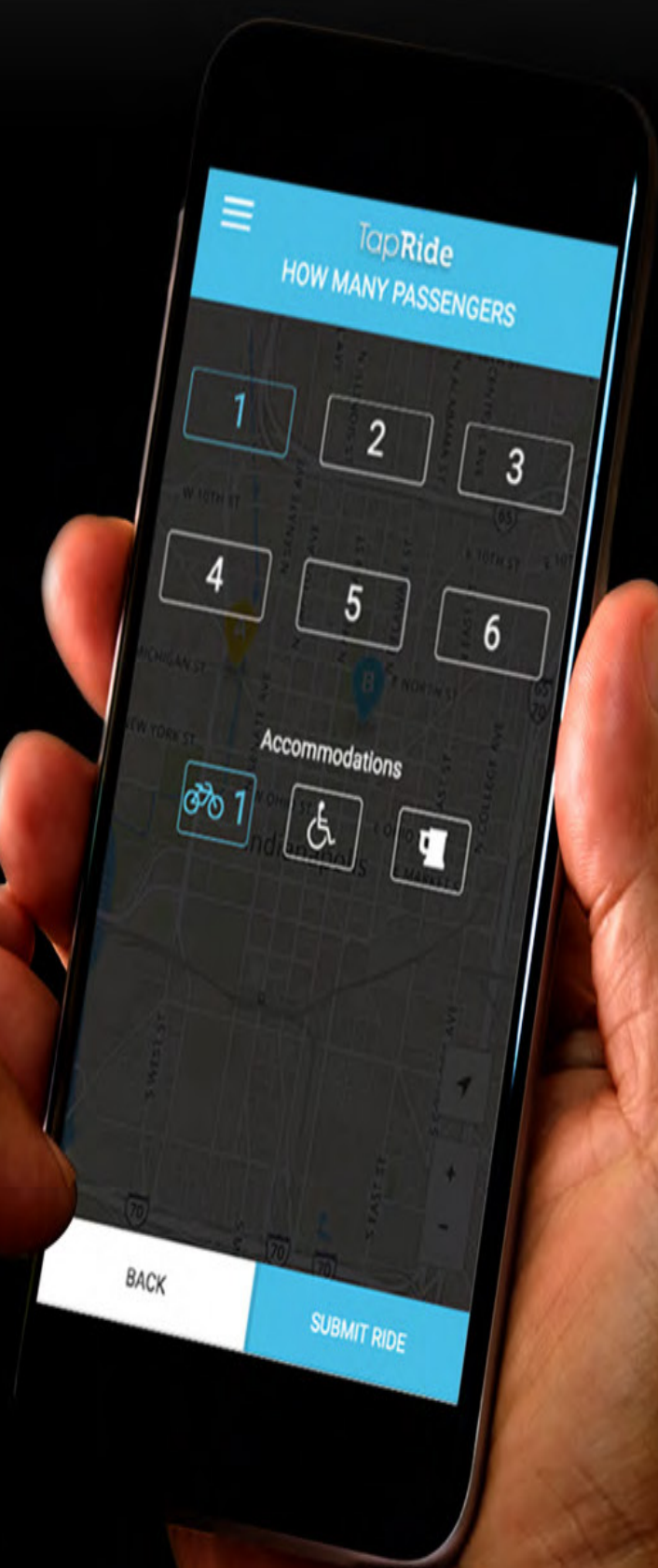
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Wade Hodges challenges for the disc

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ARTS & LIFE

Personal Space: Students show us their rooms



Matthew Griffin:
“I like to have a space that encourages me to be productive, but also is comfortable. All of the stuff on my walls has some sort of sentimental value to me, especially the ATO certificates and my sister’s elephant sculpture.”

Chloe Hatcher:
“My main goal was to be able to come home at the end of the day and reconnect with myself.”



Lexi Skowranek:
“I decorated my room with gypsy vibes because I wanted to feel at peace and cozy each time I walked in my room. I wanted my room to be a place that I felt safe and happy.”



Jessica Vickers:
“Honestly, I really just wanted to make my room a place where I can relax. That’s why I filled it with cows.”

Culture Shock: Non-Christians find faith community

Maggie Waldmann
Staff Writer

GC is home to over 190 different student organizations, which some of the most popular of these being the 12 Christianity-based clubs. This, however, has led to a large gap in religious representation for non-Christian students.

GC advertises advocating diversity among the student body, but the state of Georgia’s religious demographics do not offer much help, with nearly 80 percent of the state’s population practicing Christianity, according Pew Research statistics.

This high percentage of Christians makes it more difficult for Georgia’s Jewish and Muslim college students to find religious communities on campus.

Hillel, a nationally recognized religious club, has grown to be one of the largest Jewish student organizations since its formation in 1924. But GC’s Hillel chapter was founded just 10 years ago, in 2008.

Co-president of GC Hillel Staci Levine knew about the group through her sister, who co-founded the club back in 2008.

Growing up in a majority Jewish community in metro Atlanta, Levine’s religious upbringing was

vastly different from her current environment at GC.

“Probably like 75 percent of the people I was around growing up were Jewish,” Levine said. “[So] coming to Milledgeville, I kind of had a culture shock.”

Now surrounded by a plethora of Christian churches and clubs, Levine and her co-president Rachel Jeneff recognize the lack of options regarding practicing Judaism in Milledgeville.

“There are no temples in Milledgeville, [and] the closest is 45 minutes away,” Jeneff said. “So I feel that some people might not want to come to GC because [of that].”

Keeping the Hillel club afloat has proven to be a challenge in the past, but Levine said she is happy to see an upturn in member participation for the upcoming school year.

“I would say we’re growing,” Levine said. “We have 35 people in our GroupMe, which is the most we’ve

has in the 10 years that Hillel has been on campus.”

GC’s Muslims and Non-Muslims in Dialogue club has also seen a similar increased interest.

Serena Odeh, former president of the Dialogue club, left the club because she saw participation decrease.

“When I was part of the club and was heading it, we had trouble finding members,” Odeh said. “There are not many Muslims on our campus.”

Juli Gittinger, lecturer of religious studies and program coordinator for religion, recognizes that the campus is falling behind in religious diversity. Her ideas for improvement seek to intertwine all religions.

“It would be cool to have a ‘meditative space’ somewhere on campus that could be used for prayer, meditation or thoughtful reflection for any religious inclination,” Gittinger said.

Despite having been at GC for only three years,

Gittinger said she has seen many strides taken by the school’s administration to recognize religious diversity on campus.

“In the short time I have been at GC, the religious studies courses have gotten more support from the dean of the college of Arts and Sciences and increased enrollment, so those things help,” Gittinger said.



Courtesy of Rachel Jeneff

Members of GC Hillel at their Rosh Hashanah dinner on Sept. 20

ARTS & LIFE

Drama ensues in ‘A Doll’s House’

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Money problems, abandonment, blackmail, deception: “A Doll’s House, Part 2” has it all.

GC’s theatre department presents the Broadway production of “A Doll’s House, Part 2,” a 90-minute play written by Lucas Hnath as sequel to the Henrik Ibsen’s 1879 classic play.

In Ibsen’s original play, after struggling make ends meet, the Helmer family leaves their home in Norway to travel to Italy in hopes that Torvald, the father, will survive his illness.

Nora has secretly been working and collecting money from her father’s forged checks to keep the family on its feet. She realizes she’s made a mistake when Mr. Krogstad, an employee at Nora’s bank, blackmails her. Mr. Torvald eventually finds out about the secret loans and the couple separate.

“A Doll’s House, Part 2” picks up 15 years later after the original play ends, upon Nora’s return home.

“I think the message is important,” said Amy Pinney, associate professor of theatre and dance. “It’s certainly swept up in the ‘Me Too’ movement and the ‘Times Up’ movement.”

Nora’s relationships with her husband, children and friends highlight the premise of the play.

This is shown in one



Emily Bryant / Photo Editor

Lillie Chupp and Conner Kocks in Russell Auditorium on Sept. 19

scene between Nora, played by sophomore Rachel Fernandez, and her daughter Emmy, played by senior Lillie Chupp. Emmy becomes furious at her mother’s requests to speak to Torvald about the divorce.

“There’s definitely a magnetic aspect to our blocking where we attract and repel depending on what’s going on in the scene,” Fernandez said.

Chupp explained how her two favorite scenes to act out were important and powerful to the plot and her character development.

“The two [scenes] I feel are most ‘Emmy’ is when I say that I’m engaged,” Chupp said. “That’s a big moment, and then the other moment where I talk about how Nora left me.”

Chupp exaggerates her

character’s excitement for her engagement, pushing her freshly-ringed finger into Nora’s face.

Nora swallows her frustration and switches her vocal tone, asserting her dominance over her daughter. The tone of her voice fluctuates, adding or subtracting her power over Emmy.

In moments of high tension, characters move to polar ends of the stage, physically dramatizing their relationship.

“The rake stage really helps that, too,” Chupp said. “When we propel up to the top it’s a moment of power.”

GC’s tech team has created a raked stage that resembles one used in the original play,, to effectively emphasize the tense relationships.

A raked stage is one

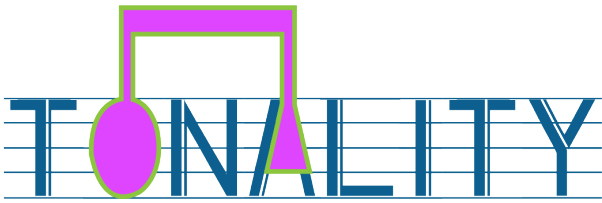
built at an angle sloping upward and away from the front of the stage, mimicking the incline of a hill.

The lighting for indicates changes in the characters’ relationships.

“Any dramatic changes in lighting are meant to highlight a power shift,” said lighting designer Bradley Benton.

Benton said the lighting will be correlated with the costumes each character wears when winning the fight in each scene. Nora will be wearing red, so expect to see red lighting when she wins.

“A Doll’s House, Part 2” will be showing Sept. 26-29 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. at Russell Auditorium.



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“Ruminations” by
Conor Oberst

Tonality is a weekly column that analyzes and interprets music of the past and present.

Compared to Bright Eyes’ beloved 2005 record “I’m Wide Awake, It’s Morning,” Conor Oberst’s seventh solo studio album “Ruminations” is a melodic anomaly.

In “Ruminations,” dependent vocal melodies replace the

cheerful progressions of his previous record. Oberst’s unsteady voice carries emotional weight in “Counting Sheep” as he sings, “I just want to be easy, acceptable / I don’t want to seem needy to anyone, especially you.”

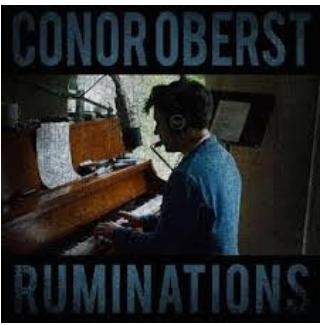
The album also confronts the Freudian concept of the ego. From Oberst’s perspective, his own body is betraying him. As his life collapses before him, he watches helplessly, singing, “Highway to hell’s littered with signs / Every last thing

they advertise, I want to buy.”

The album’s penultimate track “You All Loved Him Once,” is perhaps Oberst’s magnum opus. In a brutal address, Oberst sings with defeat to the attendees of his hypothetical funeral: “He helped carry your baggage/ When your strength was nearly gone.”

The album then turns its reflective lens on the listener, making us look ourselves in the mirror and face our own personal pain: “Oh, when it came time to stand with him / You scattered with the rats.”

Regarded as one of the 21st century’s most prolific songwriters, “Ruminations” is an honest reflection of the ugly parts of an artist’s suppressed mental landscape. Oberst addresses the topics we tend to ignore, even exploring disturbing territory at times. “Ruminations” is a tender reflection of fame’s dark sides and is Oberst’s most vulnerable work to date.



“What is one thing you do at college that you know your mom wouldn’t approve of?”

“I don’t ever study as much as I should. My mom would hate that don’t tell her.”

– Clae Barinowski, sophomore business management major.



“One time, during a lapse in judgment, we tried to run our dishwasher with dish soap. It was very bubbly.”

– Aaron Ringer, freshman pre-nursing



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